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I saw Harry Labouisse this morning and talked to him about certain NSA affairs, as well as regarding the house which he is willing to let me have. I called on Alphand at the Foreign Office. He believes [redacted] the matter of the Protocols can be satisfactorily adjusted between the six nations, although he anticipates considerable difficulty with (1) the status of forces, and (2) any limitation on the exportation of armaments.

E. and I lunched with Betsy and Bill Tyler and had, as we always do with them, an utterly delightful time. Afterwards we went to see the Labouisse house and were most pleased with it. It is quite possible that Harry will move to his new apartment within two weeks, and we can install ourselves at Number 17 Alfred Dehodencq (16eme).

I went to see Bill Draper at his office this afternoon and was met with the utmost cordiality. He said [redacted] he had suggested myself or Fred Anderson to the President to replace him when he leaves his position with SRE in May. I told him quite honestly, for a variety of reasons which I explained to him, I thought the appointment itself would be a mistake, and also [redacted] it did not make an appeal to me as I should like to continue my present work.

I went tonight to dinner [redacted] at Harold Callender's. He had Teddy White, Preston Grover and Barrett McGurn, and we sat up [redacted] late talking about the situation in Europe and the Middle East. They are all gloomy about the ratification by the French ~~of the European Defense Community Treaty.~~

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